Table 3.7 Economic dependency ratio by age, 1975, 1988, 1998, 2008 and projected 2018 [Per hundred in the labor force]

| Group | 1975 | 1988 | 1998 | 2008 | 2018 |
|------------------|-------|------|------|------|-------|
| Total population | 126.3 | 99.1 | 96.3 | 96.4 | 103.3 |
| Under 16 | 61.4 | 45.2 | 43.3 | 43.1 | 43.5 |
| 16 to 64 | 44.2 | 31.8 | 30.8 | 31.0 | 34.7 |
| 65 and older | 20.7 | 22.1 | 22.2 | 22.3 | 25.1 |

Source: Employment Projections Program, U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics